



TRI-STATE STEELHEADERS FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT GROUP

The Mission Statement: *The Tri-State Steelheaders Fisheries Enhancement Group, by completing habitat enhancement projects, crafting coalitions with conservation organizations, conducting educational outreach and securing volunteer assistance will perpetuate salmonid populations and create measurable increases in their habitat in southeastern Washington, northeastern Oregon and north central Idaho.*

Overview: The Tri-State Steelheaders Fisheries Enhancement Group has been actively involved in salmonid habitat restoration since its organization in the mid-1960s. The group was granted 501(c)3 status by Washington State in 1989 and was designated a Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group in December 2000.

The Tri-State Steelheaders conducts salmonid habitat restoration projects in WRIs 32 and 35. These projects include both in-stream and riparian habitat enhancement as well as community outreach and education projects. Creating partnerships with landowners, government agencies, and other conservation organizations is of paramount importance to the Tri-State Steelheaders.

During the 2003/2004 fiscal year the Tri-State Steelheaders participated in twelve habitat restoration and fifteen educational/community outreach projects. Volunteers donated a total of 2,686 hours working on Tri-State Steelheaders projects and spent an additional 1,830 hours participating in educational activities.

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